THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. has commenced business in the current year. The Company has invited expression of interest for development and management of food plazas at railway stations and for on board catering services.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost of Lanjigarh-Junagarh line

365. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Lanjigarh-Junagarh line in Orissa;

(b) the funds allocation made for that project, so far; and

(c) the details of progress of that project, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Rs. 119.29 crore at present.

(b) Rs. 16.49 crore.

(c) Out of the total project length of 55 km. land has been acquired for a length of 32 km. from Lanjigarh to Bhawanipatna, where the earthwork and bridge-work are in progress. Earthwork has been completed for a langth of 8 km.

Relocating the Headquarters of South-Western Railway

366. SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 756, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

(a) what is the progress regarding re-locating the Headquarters of the proposed South-Western Railway from Bangalore to Hubli; and

(b) by when the Hubli Division is likely to start working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is a court case pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding the issue, the final outcome of which is awaited. However, the entire issue of reorganisation is presently under review.

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi NG line in Orissa

367. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of commencement of conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposhi NG line in Orissa;

(b) the progress of that project;

(c) the funds allocation made for that project, so far; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the construction work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Work commenced in 1995-96.

(b) Widening of formation has been completed for a length of 51 km. and further work is in progress over a length of 39 km. Construction of pre-cast concrete boxes for all the minor bridges between Rupsa and Baripada (52 km.) has also been completed.

(c) Rs. 11.39 crore.

(d) Due to acute resource constraints, work on this project is being regulated as per the availability of funds.

Railways grants to Rajasthan

†368. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Ministry of Railways during

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.